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**Jealous females? Female competition and reproductive
suppression in a wild promiscuous primate**

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1 **Table S1:** Demography of J and L groups in the four study periods.

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Year	Number of adult males		Number of adult females		Number of juveniles*	
	J group	L group	J group	L group	J group	L group
2005	6-9	3	17	9	26	5-9
2006	4-5	4-5	17	9-11	36	18
2013	7-10	9-11	17	18-19	29-32	31-33
2014	7-8	9	18	17-19	35	29

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Demography varies due to emigrations, immigrations, births, deaths, and maturations.

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*Subadult males (i.e. between 4 and 8 years old) are counted as juveniles in this study.

6 **Table S2.** Sample size of behavioural observations. One-hour focal observations were conducted on all adult females and spread equally across
7 the day (divided into four 3h-time blocks) for each individual. We included only focal observations that lasted at least 45 minutes (mean focal
8 length±standard deviation [sd]: 59.7±3.5 min). The choice of a focal individual was semi-randomised, in order to balance observations equally
9 across individuals, time blocks and reproductive states. The same individual was not sampled more than once per half day to ensure
10 independence between focal observations. In total, our sample comprises 2971 focal observations on 53 females across the following
11 reproductive states.

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Reproductive state of focal female	Sample size of focal observations
Lactating	884 observations, 45 females, mean±sd per individual: 19.6±10.5, range: 1–45
Pregnant	714 observations, 47 females, mean±sd per individual: 15.2±9.7, range: 1–46
Oestrous (unguarded)	882 observations, 39 females, mean±sd per individual: 22.6±21.5, range: 1–81
Oestrous (mate-guarded)	491 observations, 32 females, mean±sd per individual: 15.3±14.5, range: 1–53

Table S3. Number of pregnant and lactating females, oestrous females and of female friends per adult male, in J and L groups in the four study periods.

Year	Mean±SD daily number of pregnant and lactating females (range)		Mean±SD daily number of oestrous females (range)		Mean±SD daily number of female friends per male (range)*	
	J group	L group	J group	L group	J group	L group
2005	12.1±2.1 (2-14)	7.3±0.9 (2-8)	1.1±1.2 (0-4)	0.4±0.6 (0-2)	0.9±1.3 (0-5)	3.1±1.7 (0-5)
2006	12.3±3.5 (1-15)	5.8±2.1 (1-8)	1.1±1.4 (0-6)	1.6±1.5 (0-5)	2.5±2.8 (0-9)	1.0±1.0 (0-3)
2013	14.2± 0.7 (13-15)	10.1±0.6 (9-11)	0.9±0.7 (0-3)	2.9±2.1 (0-7)	1.1±1.8 (0-7)	0.7±0.8 (0-3)
2014	13.4±0.9 (11-15)	11.2±1.8 (8-14)	2.6±1.5 (0-5)	3.0±1.6 (0-6)	1.8±1.3 (0-5)	1.2±1.1 (0-4)

* we calculated the daily number of female friends (pregnant and lactating) for each resident male and averaged it over the time period. This mean daily number of friends per male was then averaged across all males of the period.

Appendix 1. Dominance ranks of males and females

Individual dominance ranks were assessed through focal and *ad libitum* observations of approach-avoid interactions (*supplants*, when one animal actively displaces another to take its place; *displacements*, when one animal passes close to another and makes it move away) and agonistic interactions (*attacks*, any agonistic physical contacts including hits, bites, or grabbing movements; *chases*, when one animal chases another for a distance of at least 3 m; and *threats*, including staring, head bobbing, and ground sweeping while oriented toward the targeted individual). Female dominance hierarchies were calculated separately in each year using Matman 1.1.4 (Noldus Information Technology 2003) and were always linear ($N_{2005} = 412$ interactions, $N_{2006} = 576$, $N_{2013} = 367$, $N_{2014} = 1259$ in group L; $N_{2005} = 184$, $N_{2006} = 460$, $N_{2013} = 590$, $N_{2014} = 978$ in group J, Landau's linearity index h : $p < 0.05$ in all cases). In the analyses, we used relative female rank to control for variation in group size, where absolute ranks were standardised to vary between 0-1 using the formula: $1 - ((1-r)/(1-n))$, where r is the absolute rank of an individual (ranging from 1 to the group size, n). In contrast to females, the male hierarchies were much less stable within a year [1], so male ranks were established using an Elo-rating procedure implemented in the R package EloRating (version 0.43) [2]. Compared to matrices of dyadic interactions where ranks are calculated over a given time period, an Elo-rating procedure continuously updates rankings according to the temporal sequence of interactions, and is better adapted to situations of unstable social dominance [2,3]. This gives a score for each individual on each day of observation. We derived a daily standardised rank by scaling the Elo-rating score of each individual proportionally between 0 (corresponding to the minimal score and thus the lowest ranking male) and 1 (corresponding to the maximal score and the highest ranking male).

Appendix 2. Details on the identification of heterosexual friendships

The male friend of each pregnant and lactating female was identified using a combination of spatial proximity and grooming allocation indices, following an established method [1]. First, we calculated dyadic proximity and grooming scores between all pregnant or lactating females and resident males. The grooming allocation index was calculated as the number of grooming bouts that a female gives to a male divided by the total number of grooming bouts given by that female to any male of the group. The dyadic spatial proximity index was calculated as the number of scans where the male was the female's nearest neighbour divided by the total number of scans collected for that female. Second, for each behavioural index (grooming and spatial proximity), we investigated if one or two males had an outstandingly

high score compared to other males, hereafter referred as the “preferred male(s)”: we ranked males from the highest to the lowest score, then calculated the ratio of the highest index divided by the second highest index and the ratio of the second highest index divided by the third highest index. If the first ratio was higher than two (i.e. the male with the highest index had twice as many interactions with the female than the second male), we assigned only one preferred male - the one with the highest score - to the female. If the second ratio was also higher than two, we assigned two preferred males - the ones with first and second highest indices - to the female. Otherwise, we considered that the female had no preferred male for this reproductive state. Thus, pregnant/lactating females could have one, two or no preferred male(s) if no male had a highly differentiated score compared to the others. Then, we compared the preferred male(s) designated by each behavioural index and considered as "male friend" the male that was preferred according to both grooming and proximity indices.

Appendix 3. Details on the GLMM procedure

All GLMMs were run using the `glmer` function of the `lme4` package [4] in R version 3.4.1 [5]. All quantitative variables were z-transformed to have a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one (by subtracting the mean from each value and dividing the result by the standard deviation) to facilitate model convergence. The significance of the fixed factors was tested using a likelihood ratio test (LRT), assuming an asymptotic chi-square distribution of the test statistic and using the full model (to avoid problems arising from stepwise model selection procedures: [6,7]). Only interactions for which we had clear predictions were included. We tested their significance by comparing the fit of the models with and without the interaction using a LRT. Non-significant interactions were omitted from the model to avoid over-parameterization. To test for the significance of fixed effects, we computed their 95% profile-likelihood based confidence intervals using `confint.merMod`, and checked that they did not cross zero. To test for all differences between levels of multilevel categorical variables (e.g., “mate-guarding status”), we changed the reference category sequentially and refitted the model [8]. To diagnose the presence of multicollinearity, we calculated the variance inflation factor for each of the predictors in each model. These VIFs varied between 1.02 and 2.79, which are below 3, and thus do not indicate serious multicollinearity [9].

Appendix 4. Calculation of male mating skew

The extent of female competition over male care is influenced by how matings (and thus paternity) are distributed across males. If there is a high reproductive skew among males, then

the intensity of reproductive competition among females is also likely to be high. To assess the potential for paternal care dilution (and female competition), we calculated the extent of mating skew among males during our study period, using the binomial skew index (B) [10]. For each study group and across all study years, we listed all the observation days where at least one female was in her peri-ovulatory period (POP) and mate-guarded, and established a list of all adult males that were present during each of these days. We then recorded which male mate-guarded a given female on a given POP day. If a male mate-guarded a female the entire day, he was awarded one point. If he mate-guarded her for less than a full day (e.g., if there was a switch of mate-guarding between two males during the day), he was awarded 0.5 point. We then calculated (1) the total number of points that each male acquired in a given group (i.e. the number of mate-guarding episodes captured by each male) across all years, noted M_{POP} , (2) the total number of POP days where mate-guarding occurred in a given group across all years, noted POP_{MG} (thus, if there are two POP females who are mate-guarded on the same day, this would count as two days), and (3) the total number of POP_{MG} days during which each male was present across years (i.e. a proxy for the number of mate-guarding opportunities of each male). We then calculated the B index separately for each group (L and J) but across all study years as follows:

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(p_i - \frac{n_i}{n_t} \right)^2 - \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{\check{N}} \right)}{K}$$

where N is the total number of males observed in the group across all years, p_i is the proportion of the total mate-guarding success gained by male i , calculated as M_{POP} divided by n_i , the total number of POP_{MG} days where he was present, n_t is the sum of n_i across all males of the troop, K is POP_{MG} (i.e. the total number of mate-guarding opportunities across all years), \check{N} is calculated as n_t divided by the total number of POP_{MG} days of a group across years.

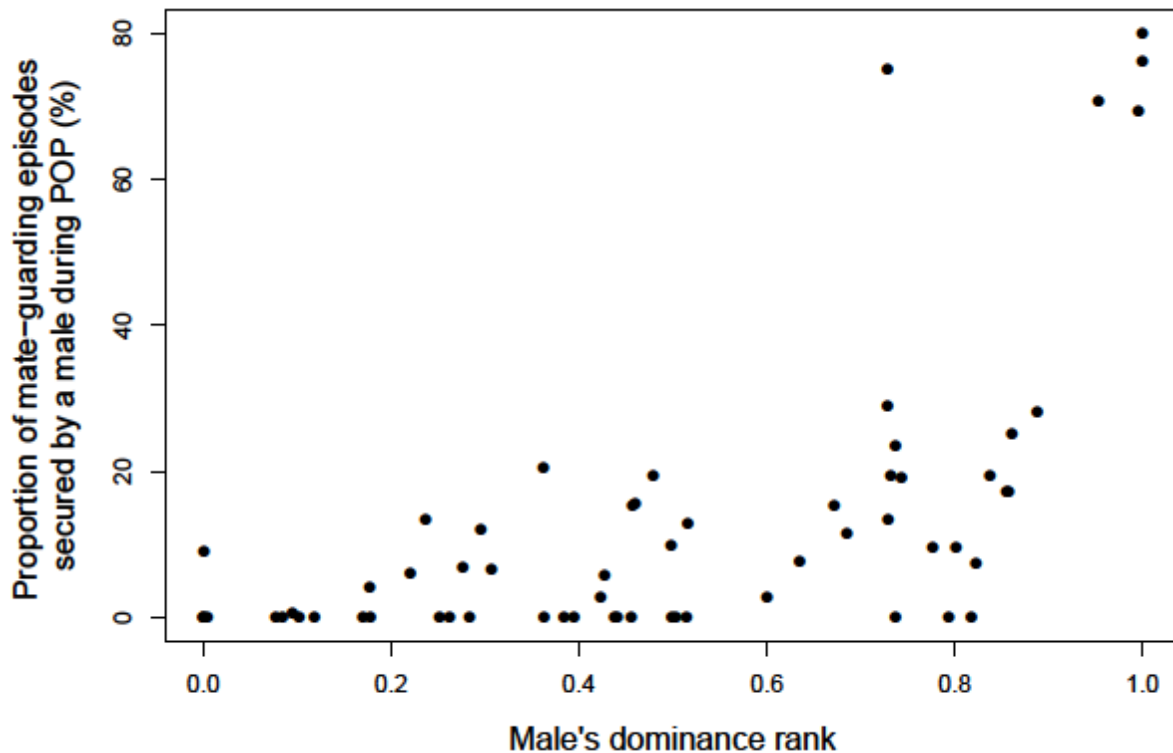
B index values that stand close to one indicate a high reproductive skew, while values that stand close to zero indicate a low skew, with zero indicating a random distribution. Negative values indicate a more even distribution of paternity than would be expected by chance. We found a value of 0.63 in L troop and 0.70 in J troop, indicating an important mating skew among males. These values are larger than those previously found in savanna baboons (i.e. *P. ursinus*: 0.05, *P. anubis*: 0.12) [11]. This might be due to the fact that we are

using mate-guarding success during peri-ovulatory periods instead of the number of copulations obtained throughout the fertile phase (which is less biased toward high ranking males).

Appendix 5. Calculation of the correlation between male mating success and rank

To further assess the extent of male mating skew among males during our study period, we measured the correlation between the proportion of mate-guarding episodes captured by a male during the POP periods and his dominance rank. Similarly, we calculated (1) the number of mate-guarding episodes captured by each male, like M_{POP} , but per group and per year, (2) the corresponding total number of POP_{MG} days where each male was present per group and per year and (3) the mean dominance rank of each male over the POP_{MG} days in a given year (using the daily estimate of male rank - see Appendix 1). We then ran a linear mixed model using the male M_{POP} scores as the response variable. Fixed effects comprised mean male dominance rank, the number of POP_{MG} days where the male was present (to control for variation in the time spent by each male in the group), year and group. We also included one random effect, the identity of the male (to control for male pseudoreplication across years). We found that the proportion of all mate-guarding episodes secured by a male during the fertile window (POP) of any female was strongly correlated with his dominance rank: $\beta \pm SE = 13.44 \pm 2.23$, 95% CI=[9.02;17.74], $\chi^2_1 = 29.26$, $p < 0.001$, $N = 62$ male-year-group combinations, see Figure S1), indicating a high male mating skew. The conditional coefficient of determination (representing the variance explained by the entire model, including both fixed and random effects) is 0.76 and the marginal coefficient of determination (representing the variance explained by the fixed effects only) is 0.57. On average across the 8 combinations of year and troop, males with the highest rank position across the POP_{MG} days monopolize 48.20% (min=17.26%, max=80.00%) of the possible mate-guarding events.

Figure S1. Influence of male dominance rank on the proportion of all mate-guarding episodes secured during the fertile window (POP) of females. We present the raw data over the four study periods and the two social groups.



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